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CUBAN INSURRECTION

Reports on the Losses Incurred by Spaniards and the Rebels.

MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN SACRIFICED

During the Past Two Years the Losses in the Spanish Army Are Placed at Over 45,000 Killed in Battle or Dead from Disease.

Paris, March 15.—Le Temps says that since the war in Cuba began Spain has sent to that island 40 generals, 564 commissioned officers, 6,185 non-commissioned officers, and 179,174 men, making all told an army of 185,963 soldiers. Up to the end of January the Spanish army had lost men wounded in battle to the number of 40 commissioned officers, 401 non-commissioned officers and 7,631 men. Dead on the battlefield or from the effects of their wounds, 1 general, 13 commissioned officers, 107 non-commissioned officers and 10,475 men. Killed by yellow fever, 1 general, 30 commissioned officers, 287 non-commissioned officers and 10,475 soldiers. Killed by ordinary sickness or accidents, 2 generals, 24 commissioned officers, 89 non-commissioned officers. Notwithstanding the silence of the official reports in regard to the number of soldiers that have died from the effects of ordinary sickness or accidents, it is believed that over 10,000 soldiers have perished. The ocean liners and transport ships have taken back to Spain over 20,000 sick and crippled soldiers, many of whom died enroute or after having reached home. The losses of the Spanish army during the last two years of war in Cuba must be over 45,000 men. The Spanish official reports place the loss of the Cuban army at: Dead, 212 officers and 13,091 men; wounded, 41 officers and 3,522 men; prisoners, 34 officers and 941 men; surrendered, 22 officers and 2,594 men. Total, 29,157. The number of Cubans now in the field is placed at 2,000 men in Pinar del Rio, 3,000 in the province of Havana, 1,500 in Matanzas, 5,000 to 10,000 in Santa Clara and from 8,000 to 10,000 in the eastern provinces of Puerto Principe and Santiago de Cuba.

SPAIN'S OTHER TROUBLE.

Dispatches from Manila Do Not Bear Out Government Statements.

Madrid, March 15.—A dispatch to the Imparcial from Manila does not bear out the statements issued by the government respecting the situation in the Philippine islands. Instead of the Spanish troops winning successive victories over the insurgents, the Imparcial correspondent declares that the campaign is almost paralyzed owing to the lack of reinforcements. Owing to the scarcity of troops it is impossible for the Spaniards to carry on an offensive. Captain-General Polavieja, who, it is reported, was about to resign because of ill health, has cabled that he will retain his command in the islands.

Affairs in Cuba.

Havana, March 14, via Key West, Fla., March 15.—Gen. Melquiza, who was responsible for the Belgrado and many other atrocities in Pinar del Rio province, resentful at not being promoted, has decided to return to Spain on the sick plea. It is said, and will sail on the 20th inst. Gen. Soano will also leave on the same date. It is reported that Col. Nestor Aranguren, the Cuban leader who captured the Spanish officers on the Guanabacoa train some time ago, has been summoned to Gen. Gomez's presence to explain the reason why he released them without waiting for orders. Col. Tort, of the civil guards, who was in command of the Gines, when the rebels entered the town, has been indicted on the charge of neglect of duty and cowardice, and will soon be court-martialed. Further details of the attack on Bejuco have been received. The insurgents carried away in carts all the effects taken from the stores three days ago. There were sixteen houses still burning in the outskirts. Two fine horses belonging to the military commander were also taken. Secret orders have been given by Weyler that whenever an attack is made on a town or city all the female residents on the simple suspicion of having connections with the insurgents shall also be arrested as enemies of Spain. This order has also been carried into effect, for on the day following the entry of rebels nine women with fifteen children, the majority of the latter being babies, were arrested and brought to Havana. Persons visiting the palace Thursday night were shocked at the sight of poor, forlorn human beings all huddled on the floor with their babies in their arms, all begging for food. From the secret orders were given to send them to the Casa de Recogidas, or house for degraded women, and later on to be banished to Puerto Principe.

Weyler May Return to Spain.

Havana, March 15.—It is said in Havana by well informed persons that Gen. Weyler has received a dispatch from the Madrid government requesting him to forward his resignation, but

the report lacks confirmation from official sources.

Gen. Lee's Family Coming Home.

Havana, March 15.—The family of Consul-General Lee will return to the United States within two weeks. This is thought to be preparatory to a change in the consulship.

Carlist Agitation Spreading.

Madrid, March 15.—Carlist agitation is spreading rapidly in the northern part of Spain. Armed bands of Carlists are being pursued by troops in the province of Teruel.

AGAIN IN JAIL FOR BIGAMY.

Without Numerous Matrimonial Ventures and the Trouble They Caused Him.

Baltimore, March 15.—Richard Matthias, 35 years old, is locked up at Central station on the charge of bigamy. It is alleged that on April 7, 1896, Matthias married in Philadelphia a Miss Sealer. In September, 1893, he disappeared. A few weeks later it became known to Mrs. Matthias that her husband had married Miss Julia Biehn of Flushing, L. I. Mrs. Matthias prosecuted her truant husband, and as a result he was convicted of bigamy and sentenced in Queens county, N. Y., to three years in the Kings county penitentiary. After his release from prison a reconciliation took place. Wife No. 1 was placated and the recreant husband was forgiven. They lived together only a short while when Matthias again disappeared from his Philadelphia home. He was traced to Baltimore by wife No. 1 where it was found that, under the name of Richard Van Hagen, he had, on November 10, of last year, married a Mrs. Amelia Schoeppe of this city. The police located him at Annapolis Junction, Md., where he was employed as a clerk, and his arrest followed. Mrs. Schoeppe was a widow with three children and a young income. She had been acquainted with Matthias only a week when he led her to the altar.

Highest Water Ever Known at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., March 15.—The Mississippi river now registers a higher stage of water here than ever known. Two Arkansas towns, Marion and West Memphis, across from this city, are submerged. Marion is under four feet of water, due to a break of its protection levee. The break occurred because many of the inhabitants had left their beds, and their was a great hustle to escape. There was no loss of life.

New York Insurance Report.

Albany, March 15.—Supt. Louis F. Payn has made public the report of the state insurance department for the year ending Dec. 31 last, on the business of fire and marine insurance companies transacting business in this state. The aggregate assets of these companies doing business in this state on Dec. 31 last were \$19,558,090. The aggregate receipts for the year were \$2,010,012. The net excess of receipts over disbursements were \$10,251,254.

Overdue Mail Steamer Arrives.

St. Johns, N. F., March 15.—The Colonial steamer Grand Lake, with the English, American and Canadian mails and passengers, bound for Halifax, broke her tail shaft off St. Pierre on Thursday night. She has at last reached Harbor Breton. Her passengers and mails will be transferred to her sister ship, Virginia Lake, and be forwarded this afternoon.

The Next Papal Consistory.

Rome, March 15.—It appears to have been definitely settled that the next papal consistory shall be held at the end of April. It was reported some time ago that it was regarded as probable that Archbishop Corrigan of New York would be elevated to the cardinalate at the coming consistory, but the matter has now ceased to be discussed.

Two Men Killed by a Train.

Tunkhannock, Pa., March 15.—A wagon containing two men, Lea Chatter and L. Carson, was struck by a train on the Lehigh Valley railroad at a crossing west of Wyalusing yesterday, and both their bodies were so badly mangled that they died within two hours.

Probably Fratricide.

Oxford, Pa., March 15.—Harry Watson, after a quarrel with his brother Peter, poured a load of shot from a shotgun into Peter's body. He was taken to a hospital in Philadelphia, where 200 shot were picked from his body. His recovery is doubtful.

Resigns His Pastorate.

Boston, March 15.—Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Hamilton yesterday read his resignation of the pastorate of the Eliot Congregational church in Roxbury, after twenty-five years of service.

A Marvelous Electric Rifle.

Rio Janeiro, March 15.—A native of Ovalle, Chili, it is claimed, has invented an electric rifle which is capable of throwing a projectile a distance of 12,000 metres.

Death of an Old Editor.

Utica, N. Y., March 15.—Alexander Seward died at his home here in his 82d year. He was editor and joint proprietor of the Utica Daily Gazette.

BLOCKADE TO-DAY

Reported That the Powers Have Reached an Agreement.

PLUCKY GREECE TO BE COERCED

Insurgents Continue Their Bombardment of Spinalonga — Kismamo Also Bombarded and Set on Fire in Several Places.

Athens, March 15.—Advices received here this morning from Canea show that the insurgents are continuing their bombardment of the town of Spinalonga. The Turkish garrison is still holding out, though the cannonading has now been going on for nearly three days. A dispatch from Canea says the town is full of rumors that the powers are about to send troops to the island, but no official intimation to this effect has been received. The belief prevails among the foreign fleets that the powers have finally decided to make no reply to the answer of Greece to their identical note, but to put their threat of a blockade into effect. It is thought that the blockade of Crete and the Piraeus will begin to-day. It is stated that the Italians have shelled the insurgents at Kismamo Kastelli, but nothing further can be learned.

Kissamo on Fire.

Canea, March 15.—A Russian warship which has been cruising to westward has returned here, bringing news of the situation at Kissamo. She reports that the insurgents were bombarding the place, and that the town was on fire in several places.

Proclamation to Insurgents.

Canea, March 15.—As has before been stated in these dispatches, the fact that the powers have decided to establish an autonomous government in Crete is not generally known to the insurgent leaders. Great Britain has now taken steps to have the Christian leaders informed of what it is intended to do, in the belief that as soon as the information spreads it will have the result of stopping the fighting. The proclamation will give no details of the scheme, but it will declare as a cardinal point that Turkey shall have nothing whatever to do with the internal affairs of Crete.

SYMPATHY FOR GREECE.

Another Great Demonstration in London. The Government Denounced.

London, March 15.—Another radical manifestation to express sympathy for Greece in her efforts in behalf of the Cretan Christians was held in Trafalgar square last evening. There were 20,000 persons present. Greek flags were numerous displayed, and many of those comprising the huge crowd wore rosettes made of the national colors of Greece. Six platforms had been erected for the use of the speakers, who included Messrs. Davitt, Channing, Wilson and Dalziel, all members of the house of commons, and several Nonconformist ministers. The speakers maintained the right of the Cretans to settle their political differences themselves without intervention on the part of the powers, and denounced Prime Minister Salisbury for the part he has taken in connection with Russia, Germany, Austria, France and Italy, to compel Greece to abandon her attempts to liberate Crete and to save the Christian population of the island from Turkish misrule, oppression and massacre.

No New Troubles in Asia Minor.

Washington, March 15.—The Turkish legation gives out the following: "There has been published a telegram dated Constantinople the 12th inst., saying that fresh atrocities are threatened in Asia Minor, that Christians there are in a deplorable condition and asserting that the situation in Hayes is extremely critical and bloodshed has occurred at Erekli. The Turkish minister is authorized by his government to officially declare these reports as absolutely false and unfounded."

Tow Boat Blown Over by the Wind.

Pittsburg, March 15.—The tow boat Hawk, owned by the McKinley Coal company, was overturned by high wind on the Ohio river yesterday afternoon at Bellevue, six miles below Pittsburg. William Denvers, the pilot on watch, was drowned, but the balance of the crew managed to reach the shore in safety.

Bayard Enlarged.

London, March 15.—Ambassador Bayard yesterday attended services at St. Paul's cathedral. The Archdeacon of London preached the sermon. He alluded to the presence of Mr. Bayard and paid a tribute to him as an able and sincere contributor to results of the highest kind.

Extra Session of Arkansas Legislature.

Little Rock, Ark., March 15.—Gov. Jones has decided to issue a call for a special session of the state legislature. He said the appropriation bills have not been passed, and there is no money to run the state government.

The Bayards' Trip to Italy.

London, March 15.—Ambassador Bayard and family will start for Italy on Wednesday.

BRITISH CRAFTINESS

Her Policy in the Cretan Crisis Repugnant to Europe.

A SYSTEM OF DOUBLE DEALING USED

As a Result, in the Event of a General European War, the Initial Blaze Will Fall Upon England.—Russia Alone Holds the Dogs of War in Leash.

Berlin, March 15.—Should the coercive measures taken by the powers against Greece result in a general European war, the initial blaze, according to public and official opinion here, will fall upon England. Every step in the critical negotiations which have been and are still proceeding has been rendered uncertain by the vacillating, if not opposing, course of action taken by Lord Salisbury. If the proposals of the Russian and German governments, made three weeks ago, to blockade the coast of Greece had been acceded to by the English premier, the dangerous developments of the

present crisis could never have occurred. So the official papers in Berlin reason and liberal politicians in full sympathy with Greece think likewise. The simultaneous presence of the allied squadrons in the Piraeus and their control of the movements of Greek warships in the Aegean sea and on the coast of Crete would have restrained the popular demonstrations at Athens and elsewhere which have done so much to force the hands of King George's government. There are those behind the scenes who say that from the outset of the Greco-Cretan crisis the pretended participation of the Salisbury government has been a blind, and that King George up to a late point in the diplomatic contest was led to believe that eventually the influence of Great Britain would square the situation in favor of Greece. This is the plain language of well-informed papers like the Post and the Kreuz Zeitung.

Distrust of England.

In a recent cable dispatch it was shown that family considerations have never had any weight with either the czar or the kaiser, whose main aim was the maintenance of the peace of Europe. But the influence of the Danish royal family, with its offshoots in England and Russia, is known to have been at work and it is believed to have operated with success where least suspected. The dowager empress, who got credit for almost supreme power in the czar's councils, has failed to alter the understanding between the kaiser and the czar, though she has had the active co-operation of Queen Victoria, who has strong sympathies with Greece and an ardent detestation of the Turks. Neither the hand of the ex-empress nor that of the queen can be made visible in the game of diplomacy which is now being played, but it is known here that both have been supporting King George, and it is believed that to the queen's interference much of Lord Salisbury's hesitating policy is due. That the queen does still exercise an oversight of foreign affairs is perhaps better known at the German court than it is in England. Meanwhile utter distrust of England is the dominant feeling at the foreign office here, while the entente with Russia is complete. But for Russia the Balkan peninsula would now be in a blaze and Austria and Russia would be mobilizing their troops for war. There is absolutely reliable information that the three Balkan states—Serbia, Bulgaria and Montenegro—have concluded an alliance which affects not only Turkey, but the claims of Greece and the aspirations of Austria.

All Depends Upon Russia.

The prince of Montenegro was recently at Belgrade holding private conferences with King Alexander and the Serbian minister of war, and making arrangements for a concerted movement of troops, and the visit of the king of Serbia to Sofia was a result of Prince Nicholas' visit to Belgrade. Undoubtedly the whole of the triple understanding is perfectly well known to the Russian government and was connived at, if not inspired, by Russia. Montenegro is financed by Russia and gets her armaments supplied or paid for chiefly by the St. Petersburg government. Serbia, like Greece, has defaulted in her debt, and since the campaign against Bulgaria, which terminated with the Serbian disaster at Slivnitsa, has made no such progress as Bulgaria in reforming her army. The Serbian government clearly think they can get more under the aegis of Russia than from Austria, whose occupation of Bosnia the Serbians resent. With the reconciliation of Prince Ferdinand to the czar and the return of Bulgaria to Pan-Slavism, the obstacles in the way of an alliance of the Balkan states, under Russian protection, have disappeared and the entente has been achieved. It depends upon Russia to let the dogs of war slip from the leash. Up to the present time the policy of the czar is to restrain them, and if they are let loose, the profound conviction here is that the consequent general embroilment of the powers will be largely due to England's policy.

greater part of this afternoon will be necessary for the drawing of seats by members. It is expected that the president's communication will be laid before the respective houses by 1 o'clock to-morrow.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S CHURCH

Revival of the Story That He Will Worship in the Metropolitan Methodist Edifice.

Washington, March 15.—President McKinley having again attended service at the Metropolitan Methodist church yesterday, where President Grant was a communicant during his residence in the White House, the report is revived that he intends to become a member of that church. While serving Ohio in the house of representatives, Maj. McKinley attended the Foundry Methodist church, and it was understood that he would again become a pewholder there, his visit to the Metropolitan church last week being construed as merely a compliment to an old friend, Bishop Newman of California, who occupied the pulpit of his old church on that day. The reasons for the president's change of intention, if a change has really been made, are not now known.

When the president arrived at the church yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Abner McKinley, John Addison Porter and George E. Morse of California, he found a large crowd of people awaiting the opportunity of seeing him. A squad of policemen kept the pavement in front of the church clear. The president bowed right and left to those who saluted him and passed into the building guided by an usher, who made the mistake of putting the party in Mrs. John A. Logan's pew, directly behind the one known as the "president's pew," which Gen. Grant had occupied and which had been reserved for President McKinley. Bishop Hurst made the opening prayer. He invoked the blessing of God on the struggling Cubans and called upon the Almighty to strike the shackles from them. He also prayed for the protection of the Christians in Crete.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

Every Important Question Except One Ready for Consideration.

Albany, March 15.—Every important question upon which legislation is expected this session by the republican leaders is about ready for legislative consideration. There is but one exception. As yet no bill has been prepared to carry out Gov. Black's determination, as expressed in his annual message, relative to the civil service. The Greater New York bill will be reported favorably in each house to-morrow or Wednesday and its speedy passage is assured. It has not yet been decided that supplemental charter legislation will be necessary this session. The amendments to the Raines liquor law, including those wiping out the Raines law hotels and fake clubs, will not be finally considered until after the charter has been disposed of. Trust legislation will be discussed in the senate to-morrow when the report of the Lexow trust investigating committee will be considered as a special order.

Death of Sumner F. Dudley.

Orange, N. J., March 15.—Sumner F. Dudley, formerly general secretary of the Orange Y. M. C. A. and well known all over the country in association circles, died of Bright's disease at the residence of his father, Francis D. Dudley, yesterday, after an illness of four years and confinement to the house of three months. He was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1854 and was a member of the firm of Shepard & Dudley, surgical instrument makers, New York. He was the first organizer of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. in this country, in 1883. Mr. Dudley was unmarried.

Veteran of Three Wars Dead.

Philadelphia, March 15.—Col. Alexander E. Drake, a retired army officer, who is dead at his home here, was born in Kentucky in 1818, and in June, 1854, was appointed midshipman in the United States navy by Gen. Jackson, and served with the land forces during the Seminole war. He served with distinction during the Mexican war, and in 1850 was assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific railroad. During the civil war he was with Rousseau's brigade, and was promoted several times for meritorious and gallant services.

Stole \$5,000 in Gold.

San Francisco, March 15.—The steamer Zealandia, from Australia, brings news of the robbery from the steamer Oceanic of thousands of dollars' worth of gold. Before leaving Melbourne for Sydney gold to the amount of £362,000 was placed on board for shipment to America. Cracksmen obtained access to the vaults and abstracted one box containing \$5,000. The theft was discovered before the Oceanic left port, but the robbers left no clue.

Funeral of James Shanahan.

Tribes Hill, N. Y., March 15.—Many telegrams of sympathy are being received by the family of the late Hon. James Shanahan. Among those who have sent messages are: Senator Murphy, Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Maxwell and ex-United States Senator Hill. Mr. Shanahan's funeral will be held to-morrow morning from St. Mary's church, Amsterdam.

THE 55TH CONGRESS

Both Branches Convened in Extra Session at Noon To-day.

TARIFF BILL THE PRINCIPAL WORK

Organization and Drawing for Seats Will Occupy This Afternoon. President's Message To Be Sent in To-morrow.

Washington, March 15.—To-day at noon both houses of the Fifty-fifth congress convened in extraordinary session. It is not likely that the senate will remain in continuous session during the week unless the president is much more expeditious than he has been in making nominations. There is nothing before the senate, and there will be nothing to require close application to business until the committee on foreign relations reports the arbitration treaty with Great Britain. A special meeting for the further consideration of this subject has been called for this afternoon. When Senator Davis' motion to refer the treaty back to the committee was discussed during the recent special session, there was a general expression of opinion that the designation of the judges of the United States supreme court as members of the tribunal should be eliminated. It was thought that as jurists sitting in the court of last resort in this country the judges might be called upon to pass upon questions similar to those that might arise under this treaty of arbitration, and should this prove to be the case the situation would be more than embarrassing, as the opinion of the judge as a member of our own court might act as an estoppel in the exercise of his rights as an independent member of the tribunal.

Republicans Playing a Waiting Game.

It is almost a certainty that the treaty will be amended along the lines of the Turpie amendment of the last session, so as to provide that every case or question intended to be submitted to arbitration under this general treaty shall first be submitted to the senate for its ratification. It seems to be a general impression that when the senator appointed by the governor of Florida to succeed Mr. Call arrives he will be seated. The legislature of Florida does not convene until April 7, and six years ago the senate ad interim under precisely similar circumstances. The appointee from Oregon in place of Mr. Mitchell has not yet arrived. His claims to a seat is regarded as res adjudicata by the decision of the senate in Montana, Washington and Wyoming cases in the last congress. His credentials will undoubtedly be sent to the committee on privileges and elections, as were those of Major Wood, the appointee of Gov. Bradley of Kentucky. Meanwhile the republicans in the matter of organization of committees are playing a waiting game. They will make no effort to do more than fill their own vacancies until the legislatures of these two states elect. It is understood an agreement has about been reached with the democrats to this end. The proposition to consolidate all elements opposed to the republicans for the purpose of capturing the organization and the committees appears to have fallen through on account of the inability of these elements to come together. The republican majority of the house having adopted in caucus with unanimity the old ticket the organization of that body will take little time.

The New Tariff Bill.

The new tariff bill will be introduced in the house as soon as the organization is perfected and will be referred to the ways and means committee, by whom it was prepared. It is still incomplete. The committee spent the better part of yesterday revising the schedules. Many details require careful consideration and are liable to change at the last moment. A meeting of the full committee will doubtless be called for to-morrow at which time the democratic members who have had no connection with the preparation of the measure will be present. Full committee meetings will continue during the remainder of the week in order that the various schedules may be fully considered and an opportunity afforded the minority to offer their amendments. It is Mr. Dingley's desire to report the bill to the house the first of this week, probably to-morrow, and to have it passed through that body at the earliest practical moment. No satisfactory explanation has been given by the committee as to why incomplete and inaccurate drafts of the proposed bill have been permitted to be published.

The President's Message.

President McKinley put the finishing touches on his message to the Fifty-fifth congress this morning, but, in view of the necessity for the organization of the house before the joint committee of the two houses can be appointed to wait upon him and inform him that congress is ready to receive the communication, it has been decided not to undertake to send the message to congress before to-morrow. While but little time will probably be occupied in organizing the house, the

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IRMA'S BETROTHAL

In one of the turret rooms of Reitzenberg castle a young girl arrayed in a simple dress and white apron sat sewing industriously. At the sound of footsteps she paused in her work; at the sight of a hussar officer in uniform she reddened with vexation. Yet there was nothing in Albrecht von Reitzenberg's appearance to annoy her; on the contrary, he was young, very good-looking, tall and of dignified bearing.

"Will you allow me to come in?" he asked, standing on the threshold.

The girl took up her work again.

"You can come in if you wish," she said, indifferently.

He walked across the room. "I have a proposal to make to you, Baroness Irma. Will you give me your attention for a little while?"

She looked at him indignantly. She had a sweet, oval face and deep gray eyes.

"I prefer not to listen to you, Count Albrecht."

"I thought that you would say so!" (there was something like a ring of triumph in his voice) "but indeed my proposal is very harmless. Let us come to an understanding."

There was uncertainty, distrust, in her eyes.

"Yes," continued the young officer, "I know that you have every reason to be offended. You have been most unfairly treated."

"I have been invited to this house under false pretenses. I came here because I thought that the visit would give pleasure to Frau von Wolde, who fills, or is supposed to fill, the place of my mother. I am sorry to speak disrespectfully of your cousin, but—"

"Not at all. You are perfectly right, and my relative, Frau von Wolde, is in the plot and has been from the beginning. I know all about it now. My old uncle has just enlightened me. I, as the heir of Reitzenberg castle—you will excuse my mentioning my name first—have received orders to offer my hand and my debts in marriage to Baroness Irma von Buchow, who, on attaining her majority, will become possessed of so large a fortune that she could free the Reitzenberg estate with a stroke of her pen. Now, hear me out: this lady was to have been kept in ignorance of the plan, but that her friend and chaperon could not resist the temptation of giving her a hint as to how matters stand after she had become the guest of the castle. Is this so?"

"Yes," she stood by his side now, and the sunlight just touched the coils of her auburn hair. "I have been deceived; cruelly deceived."

"Under the circumstances, nothing remains for me but to give you the opportunity of expressing your opinion as to this tyrannous family compact even more decidedly than you have done already. Baroness Irma of Buchow, will you consent to give me your hand in marriage?"

"Count Albrecht of Reitzenberg, I thank you for the honor which you have shown me. I will not."

They stood facing each other, and as Irma looked at her strange wooer she saw a faint smile in his eyes. Her own anger was beginning to evaporate; he really was behaving well, considering that the Reitzenbergs were renowned for their hasty tempers.

"You admit," she said, after a pause, "that I have been awkwardly placed."

"I admit that you have been inhospitably, abominably treated! I blush to think that a member of our family could have dreamed of such a scheme. In order to show you how penitent I am, now that I have received my dismissal, I will immediately leave this house and rid you of my presence."

"If you do that, Count Albrecht, I shall be worse off than ever. You don't know your cousin, Frau von Wolde. She will insist upon my remaining here for three months, as was arranged, she will reproach me for your absence, she will argue and make me dislike you more than ever, if—"

"If possible?"

His good-humor was irresistible; she burst into a merry laugh.

For another half hour the rejected suitor remained in conversation with the heiress, and at the end of that time they, too, had made a plot. Albrecht was to remain at the castle, he and the Baroness Irma were to pretend to be on amicable terms, and the two conspirators (the count and the chaperone) were not to learn until the last day of the visit expired that their hopes had failed.

"I will endeavor to make your visit as little irksome to you as possible," explained the heir of Reitzenberg; "and we can behave as if there were no enmity between us."

"Yes," (and there was still a little doubt in her voice and manner). "I think I can trust you."

"Come," he said, gently, "Baroness Irma, is it a truce between us signed and sealed?"

He took her hand in his, and, bending over it, raised her fingers to his lips.

The master of the castle was the first to begin hostilities. One day, toward the end of the three months' visit, Irma came into the drawing-room to find the whole party awaiting her arrival, and in an instant she perceived that something was wrong. Frau von Wolde had been shedding tears, the old count's brow was clouded with anger, and Albrecht—Irma hardly dared look at him, so changed was his aspect. It was too clear that the termination of the pleasant companionship of the last few weeks was to be war.

"My dear Baroness Irma," said the count, advancing to meet his young guest with ceremonious politeness, "I am exceedingly pleased to see you. Your visit here has given me great satisfaction. You honored this house with your presence, with the full consent of your guardian and my esteemed cousin, Frau von Wolde. I had hoped, without grounds, that the friend-

ship between you and my heir was gradually ripening into a deeper and more lasting feeling. The alliance is one which must give satisfaction to all interested in our families. Imagine my distress on hearing to-day from my nephew that you have refused his proposal of marriage."

Irma looked toward Count Albrecht; something that she read in his wrathful mien made her hesitate as she answered: "It is quite true; we are friends, and nothing more."

"It cannot be, my dear young lady, that so young a maiden should have given away her preference without the consent or knowledge of her guardian? Answer me candidly: Are your affections already engaged?"

The color surged into Irma's cheeks and left them pale again. She glanced at Frau von Wolde. There was no help for her there. "This is a question which you have no right to ask, Count Reitzenberg, and which I refuse to answer. I must beg you to excuse me."

"Baroness Buchow is right!" burst in Albrecht. "She has suffered enough at our hands already. She shall not be thwarted in her will. If she honors me with her friendship, I accept it gratefully. Listen to me, my uncle. I refuse to be a party to your scheme."

The forest spread its wide wings even as far as the castle garden. Irma loved the green paths and quiet shades, and here she came with her book the morning after her interview with the count, and pretended to read. But, though she kept her eyes on the pages, she read there only Count Albrecht's parting words—he accepted her offer of friendship gratefully! Driven to bay, as it were, in order to save her, that was what he had said. During the last three months she had come to understand something of his uprightness, his high sense of honor. He would never marry a woman—though she were a princess—to whom he could not give his love.

"It was my fortune," sighed Irma, "that made him nearly hate me at first. Did he hate her now?"

She shut her book and wandered still further into the woods, down a hillside covered with fern and moss, toward the stream that ran between high rocks, chattering and foaming on its way. On the further side of the stream was a tract of open country, dotted with clumps of trees and underwood and bright with heather. The stepping-stones were half covered with water to-day; the current was running fiercer than its wont. She bethought herself of a rustic bridge a few yards further down.

The bridge hung high in the air, supported by rough pine stems; it was a picturesque but a fragile affair. Half way across Irma put her hand on the rail—how noisy the stream was!—it snapped off at her touch, one wooden plank tottered under her feet, another fell with a splash into the water below. She had plenty of courage; she was light and active. She knew, moreover, that she could easily leap that formidable-looking gap and gain the bank. She was about to make the attempt, when she was stopped by a peremptory shout: "Gently, gently! Jump from that projecting stem; it is safe!"

She looked up; on the edge of the heather-covered rock stood Albrecht Reitzenberg.

She paused uncertain, half inclined to retrace her steps. Perceiving her hesitation, he raised his voice and shouted still louder above the clamor of the rushing water: "Can you hear me, Baroness Irma?"

She nodded assent.

"Step there—to the left. Do not look back."

Involuntarily she obeyed. He held out his arms. The gulf yawned between them. He could be of no help.

"The stem will bear your weight. Do not be in too great a hurry."

"Why does he look so grave?" thought Irma. "Is he still angry?"

"I had better return the way I came, Count Albrecht. Do not trouble on my account."

"No, do as I direct you. You see which is the best place to stand? Drop your book—it might be in your way—and jump as far as you can. Now!"

One spring, and Irma was safe on the moss and heather, while the plank on which she had thought to stand slipped slowly but surely into the foaming water. Albrecht held her hands clasped in his.

"Thank Heaven that you are safe!" he cried. "Oh, Irma, my Irma, I could not stop you! I came just too late for that. I could only look on in agony. Are you frightened? Are you hurt?"

"I am not hurt. I did not know that it was dangerous. I did not, indeed."

She saw him turn pale at the thought of her peril, and the tears which she had not shed for herself fell fast for his distress.

"The bridge should have been destroyed long ago; it shall be done to-day. I did not dare to join you or to speak to you until you had passed the worst. If you had been killed—ah! I cannot bear to think of it—I should never have known another day's happiness, and it would have been my fault—mine! How could I let you wander about alone when I was longing to be with you? My Irma, my best beloved! Thank Heaven that I have you safe at last. Surely we have played at being friends and enemies long enough! Look at me and say that you love me!"

When he had made her an offer of marriage three long months ago she had been ready with her refusal. Now, when her whole heart was his, she could find no words amid her tears except: "I love you! I love you!"

It was enough for him. "My bride, my wife!" he said, and held her in his arms.

The green ferns rustled and whispered, the beeches tossed their boughs in the sunlight, the red squirrels played in the oak trees, the whole wood was full of life and joy at that moment when the lovers pledged their troth.—Woman at Home.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Fair to-night, increasing cloudiness Tuesday; probably rain or snow by Tuesday night; northwesterly winds shifting to northerly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 26°; 12 m., 42°; 3 p. m., 43°.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1897.

THE MILK FREIGHT DECISION.

The importance of the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the pro rata milk freight case to the farmers of Orange county can hardly be overestimated. It gives them the advantage of their proximity to market which the railroads by a uniform tariff on milk have most effectually effaced, and will force creamerymen and dealers, who have of late years been disposed to give Orange county the go-by in favor of more distant sources of supply, to seek the advantage which the differential rates will give them by buying Orange county milk.

The practical workings of the decision will be to throw Orange county into the second group, for the Erie's forty-mile post is midway between Tuxedo and Southfield, and all the O. and W.'s Orange county territory is in the second group, as is also the Susquehanna and Western's. The latter road on milk shipped south of Unionville can charge the old rates if it can get them, for this is business originating and ending in the same State, over which the Interstate Commission has no jurisdiction. The same is true of milk shipped by the Erie from stations in New Jersey.

The Erie's third rate will begin at Pond Eddy, Pa., which is just 100 miles from New York, and extend to Lanesboro, Pa., which is 191 miles from New York. The O. and W.'s third rate will begin at Mountandale, 101.8 miles from New York, and extend to Franklin. All the stations on the Delhi branch, from which large quantities of milk are shipped, fall in the third group, except DeLancey and Delhi, which are outside the 190 mile limit.

The decision will make quite a difference in the revenues of some of the railroads, but will affect the Lackawanna and Western. The road with the lowest haul, much less than those whose business originates nearer New York.

Under natural conditions, Orange county farmers ought to enjoy all the advantages that the differential rates will give their milk in the New York market; but it is possible that a way will be found to rig the market against them, and leave them no better off than they now are. They have, however, gained a very substantial victory, and the use that is made of it must depend very largely upon their discretion, wisdom and concert of action.

At a meeting of Irishmen in San Francisco to arrange for the celebration of St. Patrick's day, a resolution was adopted condemning prize fights as brutal and pledging those present to keep away from the coming fight and to discontinue it in every way that the world might know that it has neither the support or approval of reputable Irishmen.

Gov. Black must feel flattered by the estimate put by Republican leaders upon his convictions of duty and his fixity of purpose. At the conference in New York, yesterday, to consider what measures the legislature should be instructed to pass, the Governor's declared objections to the Metropolitan police bill with its grab at the control of the election machinery of Greater New York were made light of, and it was decided to push the measure, and it was cynically asserted that pressure would be brought to bear on him that would make him sign the bill. The Republican leaders seem to regard Black merely as an automaton for registering their will. They knew the feeble weakness of the man when they made him their candidate last fall.

Dr. Ira Van Gieson, the director of the Pathological Institute recently established by the Lunacy Commission, has been working on new lines in investigating the causes of insanity and his investigations have led him to believe that many cases of nervous and mental disease are due to poisons in the body, which for some physical reason or other have not been carried out of the system at the proper time. Dr. Van Gieson has examined brain cells from many persons who have died while insane and they all show degeneration similar to that resulting from the presence in the blood of uramic and other poisons. Many, and probably most cases of insanity, Dr. Van Gieson thinks, are due to self-developed poisons and to bacterial toxins and it is his belief that a medical science can arrest the development of these toxic elements and so prevent the destruction of the brain cells many cases of insanity will be prevented and a great step made toward the alleviation of human misery.

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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

THE NEW TARIFF BILL.

Its Provisions Made Public—Higher Duties Expected to Yield Both Protection and Increased Revenues—Some of Its Provisions.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The new tariff bill was made public, to-day. It is intended to raise \$50,000,000 or \$60,000,000 additional revenue and duties have been advanced for the double purpose of protection and revenue. Specific duties have been substituted wherever possible for ad valorem duties. Such duties have been restored upon nearly all the chemical schedules on many articles of iron and steel, sugar, agricultural products and on many sundries in textiles. The greatest care has, however, been taken in transforming ad valorem into specific duties.

Duties upon silk are to be based upon the amount of pure silk contained in a given weight of fabric, the rates being higher according as the proportion of silk without adulteration or admixture is larger.

The duties on woolen goods are at present compound and some of them will have to be left so. The committee has, however, been able to substitute specific rates in a number of cases.

The textile schedules of the bill are not likely to be subjected to great changes in the Senate, except perhaps that on woolens, where a bitter contest is expected between the wool growers and the woolen manufacturers.

The committee says it endeavored where it was in accord with its views of protection to keep below the McKinley rates and in every case to avoid going above them. It has been obliged to disregard this rule in a few cases, but many of the schedules, like iron and steel, where the McKinley rates are no longer needed, are cited as evidence that they have adopted moderate duties. The committee has put back the full McKinley rates in most cases on agricultural products because they feel the farmer is entitled to all it is possible to do for him. The McKinley rates have been preserved on tobacco, wines and silks, because they are considered essentially luxuries. There has been an increase on filler tobacco in order to make the difference less wide between filler and wrapper and the temptation to fraud less serious.

The bill as a whole represents what the committee regard as a scientific scheme for the protection and development of American industries and the maintenance of the government on a self supporting basis.

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BEAVERKILL.

In Better Health—A Successful Entertainment—Bad Roads—Personal Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Alfred Bussey has returned home much improved in health from a visit to his daughter, at Roscoe.

—The entertainment held last week, at E. R. Sprague's, for the benefit of the M. E. Church at Lewbeach, netted \$20.

—The roads about the country are in a very poor condition, there being neither sleighing nor wagoning.

—Robert Bond does not improve as much as his friends expected. He came to the country nearly a year ago from Brooklyn on account of poor health.

—Mrs. Alfred Bussey is visiting her sister-in-law Mrs. M. Knapp, at Deckerstown.

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BIRTHS.

GARLAND—In this city, March 12th, '97, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garland, a son.

DIED.

MOORE—In this city, March 14th, '97, Frances Montgomery Moore, in her eighty-third year.

Funeral services Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, at the residence of D. D. Houston, 14 William street. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

THORNTON—In this city, March 13th, '97, Minerva Helen, wife of Julius W. Thornton, aged forty-three years.

Funeral Tuesday afternoon, March 16th, from her late residence, No. 9 Eldred street, near Wickham avenue depot, at three o'clock. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

MAPES—Near Howells, suddenly, March 13th, '97, Frances E., wife of Albert Mapes, in her sixtieth year.

Funeral services will be held, Tuesday, at one-thirty o'clock, at the Congregational Church at Howells. Interment at Howells.

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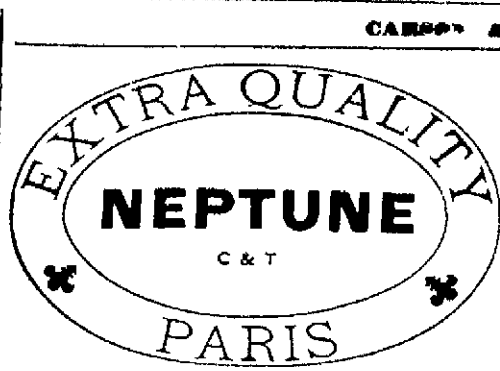
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The fine farm known as the Sinclair place near Bloomingburg, in Orange county, on the Newburgh turnpike. The farm contains about 225 acres, 70 acres of which are planted with 11,000 peach trees just coming in full bearing, and nearly \$2,000 netted from the crop last year. The farm is in good state of cultivation and will keep fifty cows. Good outbuildings and house contains thirteen rooms. A complete stock of farm implements in good condition will be sold with the farm. This farm has fine water, is well situated, fine view on the Shawangunk Mountains and location an exceptionally healthy one. Will be sold at a bargain.

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DAILY ARGUS.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1897.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Rooms to let by J. B. Schoonmaker.
—Dining room girl wanted at Russell House.
—Temple Quartette at Casino, Monday evening.
—Report of the First National Bank.
—Custom made clothing. See Geo. Young's ad.
—Rooms to let in Low Building.
—Asphalt gravel roofing by Thos. Stack.
—Best patent flour \$1.50 at J. W. Sloan's.
—Sec'dy. of the Middletown Business College.
—Round steak 2 pounds 50c at Greening's.
—Department fire badge lost.
—Carpet and matting cheap at Geo. B. Adams.
—Spring wraps at Weller & Demerest's.
—Hop at Columbia Park, Thursday evening.
—Postum, substitute for coffee, at grocers.
—Lydia Pinkham—woman's friend.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Don't fail to hear the "Temple" at the Casino, to-night.
—The Walkill Hat Works will be started up to-morrow.
—"My Friend from India" at the Casino, Thursday evening.
—The famous Temple Quartette at the Casino, to-night, in the Y. M. C. A. course.
—A number of bets on the prize fight have been made in this city, at odds of 5 to 4 on Corbett.
—Rev. Father Prendergast, of Port Jervis, assisted at the services at St. Joseph's Church, yesterday.
—Parkinson's orchestra at Columbia Park, Thursday night. The attendance at the park increases each week.
—Ontario Horse Co., No. 5, will give a social and dance at the truck house, Wednesday evening, March 17th.
—"The snow that fell, yesterday, melted rapidly to-day, and like all spring snows has made a most plentiful supply of mud.
—Seven Newburgh firemen are suffering from injuries received at recent fires or from illness resulting from exposure in the discharge of duty.
—There are over 1,500 prisoners in the Elmira Reformatory and the overcrowded condition of the prison made necessary recently the transfer of a number of the worst prisoners to Auburn.
—Broome county's Supervisors have decided to go on with their investigation of the charges of bribery in connection with the new court house plans, without regard to the grand jury's action.
—It is reported that L. R. Garrison has rented the store in the Low building, now occupied by J. M. Phillips, and will open a market there. Mr. Garrison was formerly at this stand and sold out to Mr. Phillips.
—Having made an excellent hit when here before, many requests have been made to have a return date this season; and having changed their route, the "My Friend from India" Company will return on Thursday evening, when it is expected there will be a good house.

PERSONAL.

—Arthur Kirby, of this city, spent Sunday in Liberty, visiting friends.
—D. B. McElive, of Middletown, made a flying visit to Norwich, Friday.—Sun.
—Miss Katie Murray, of Cottage street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thos. Roche, of Brooklyn.
—William Neary, who has been confined to the house with illness, is again able to be out.
—J. Benton Rowan, a "typo" of this city, is spending a few days with friends in Honesdale, Pa.
—Superintendent of Water Works I. F. Van Duzer, is very low to-day, and his recovery is very doubtful.
—Miss Carrie Taylor, of Haverstraw, is visiting her friend, Mrs. H. A. Macardell, on Wawayanda avenue.
—Mrs. Hart Davis and daughter, Miss Mary, went to Paterson, to-day, for a two weeks' visit with friends.
—Joseph McVoy, of Montgomery, a former police officer in this city, was in town calling on friends, to-day.
—Mrs. C. W. Roberts, of Scranton, Pa., is visiting at the residence of Supervisor C. J. Boyd, on Wickham avenue.
—Jacob Gunther went to New York, to-day, to attend the sportsmen's exhibition at Madison Square Garden.
—M. O. Garrett, of Poughkeepsie, who is at the head of the Advertising Journal Company, spent Sunday in town.
—Miss Nellie Farrell, of this city, who has been visiting friends in Westtown, for the past week, returned home, last evening.
—Ben. Bachellor, the well known taxidermist of New Hampton, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is convalescing slowly.
—Mr. Vanance made the principal address at a "smoker," held by Ellis Post, G. A. R., in Newburgh, Friday evening. His address is said by the News to have been a gem.
—Mrs. E. A. Brown and Mrs. O. H. Brown, of this city, were guests at a luncheon given Friday afternoon by Mrs. J. W. Lyon, at her home on Catherine street, Port Jervis.

Very Dull Times in the Wool Hat Trade

The Fishkill Standard says that the Dutchess hat works, (Tompkins,) the most important industry in that village, has work for only odd days. The Standard says wool hatting seems to have had its day as a good paying industry, fur having so largely taken the place of wool.

This is the last time we will remind you of your duty to those in your care. Don't let this season slip away without planting some trees, plants and vines. They will increase the value of your property, furnish you with the best food God ever made; with health, happiness and contentment. 1897 fruit book names best varieties of fruits. Mailed free. Address, T. J. Dwyer, Box 5, Cornwall, N. Y.

PRO RATA MILK FREIGHTS GRANTED

The Inter-State Commerce Commission Decides Against the Railroads—Milk Territory Divided Into Four Groups and Four Rates of Freight Established.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has announced its decision in the case of the Milk Producers' Protective Association against the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, the Erie Railroad Company and other lines carrying milk for the New York market. The complaint alleges that the carriers' practice of charging uniform rates of 32 cents on milk and 50 cents on cream per can of forty quarts from all shipping stations on their respective lines without regard to distance was unlawful. The commission decides that the uniform rates complained of are unreasonable, unjust and unduly prejudicial to producers nearer the points of delivery for the New York market, and that for this traffic there should be at least four divisions of stations, namely: The first group should extend forty miles out from the terminal; the second group should embrace stations within the next sixty miles; the third group should include points within the next ninety miles, and the fourth group should cover stations beyond 190 miles from the terminal. The rates on can milk should not exceed 23 cents for the first or forty-mile group, 26 cents for the second or sixty-mile group, 29 cents for the third or ninety-mile group and the present rate of 32 cents is held not to be unreasonable from stations in the fourth group. A rate which is 18 cents greater per can on cream than on milk, the present difference, is held not to be unreasonable. The third, or sixty-mile group, is reduced to 30 miles for the Elster and Delaware Road, and the group distances are required to be reckoned according to short distance routes from stations on the Walkill Valley and Lehigh and Hudson River roads and the Jefferson Branch of the Erie. The order to be entered is limited to inter-State traffic. No order is made as against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, the rates on which road are now much lower than those determined lawful for the other carriers.

THE NEW ERIE DEPOT.

The Waiting Room to Be Ready for Occupancy by March 20th.

The contractors for the new Erie depot say the waiting room and ticket office will be ready for occupancy by the 20th of this month. This does not mean, of course, that the building will be entirely completed, as there will still be lots of work to do, but it will be habitable by that time, and much more comfortable than the old quarters.

Where Two Clergymen Will Live Next Year.

—Rev. J. N. Emery has rented the C. G. Baldwin residence on West Main street. Mr. Baldwin will remove to the L'Houmeau farm, south of the city.
—Rev. D. J. Evans has rented the residence, No. 14 Highland avenue, which was formerly occupied as a rectory by Rev. Chas. Scadding. The present occupant, George W. Young, will remove to the northern end of Highland avenue.

The Erie Crusher to Be Started up Again.

The Greyhound wrecking crew and the Middletown car inspectors went to Otisville, this morning, to remove the old boiler from the Erie's stone crushing plant, and put in a new boiler, which is already on the ground.

The work of quarrying and crushing stone will be commenced as soon as the new boiler is ready for use. The crusher has been shut down for several months.

A Family Pet Killed.

"Barney," a handsome collie dog belonging to Frank Eilenberger, was shot by some one, Saturday night, and its body thrown into S. T. Poole's yard. The dog was a family pet and would harm no one and the shooting was an act of cruelty of which the authors should feel heartily ashamed, so long as he cannot be punished as he deserves to be.

Funeral of William R. Hallock.

The funeral of William R. Hallock, who was found dead in his barn, Friday morning, was held at 3 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Robinson pastor of the First Congregational Church, officiating.

This morning, the body was taken to Monroe, his former home, for burial.

New Millinery Store.

Mrs. H. W. Bush, of Oneonta, will open a millinery store, April 1st, in W. E. McWilliams' new building, on North street. Her husband, who is a veterinary surgeon, will open an office at Wood & Baldwin's stable.

May Establish a Sanitarium.

Dr. S. A. Knopf, of New York, was in town, Saturday, and looked over the Crawford estate, commonly known as "High Barney," just south of the city, with a view to purchasing it and erecting a sanitarium on the property.

Best of All

To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the spring-time comes use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. One bottle will answer for all the family and costs only 50 cents; the large size \$1. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only, and for sale by all druggists.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Phosphors 25c. at all druggists.

A DANGER THAT THREATENS.

The O. and W. May Tire of Flying Much to Middletown and Getting Little.

Do the business men of Middletown know that the freight receipts of the Ontario and Western in this city, which have never been as large as the officers of the road think they should be in view of all that the road does for Middletown, are less satisfactory now than they have ever been?

Do the business men of Middletown ever think that a railroad may tire of giving much and getting little?

Do the business men of Middletown know what the effect on this city would be if the O. and W. shops were moved to some other point or Middletown ceased to be a division terminus?

Do the business men of Middletown know that the Ontario and Western has recently been buying a large tract of land in the vicinity of its station at Walton?

Can the business men of Middletown put this and that together, and seeing where their interests lie, so act as to not jeopardize those interests?

Taken Home for Burial.

The body of John J. Sullivan was taken to his former home at Rosendale on the O. and W. train leaving this city at 8:10 a. m. to-day.

Among those who accompanied the remains were Jerre Sullivan, brother of the deceased, John E. Adams, his former employer, and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Kernochan.

At Rosendale a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated and the body was interred in the family plot.

The store of Mr. Adams was closed until after the funeral and was not opened until after noon.

Vice Grand Master of the B. of L. E. in Town.

Vice Grand Master Wilson of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen was in this city, yesterday, and attended the meeting of Lucky Thought Lodge, No. 232 at the lodge rooms in the opera house building. He delivered an interesting address.

Mr. Wilson will be in this city again on Sunday, April 18th, when he will deliver an address at a union meeting of all railroad orders.

A Sociable and Supper.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Middletown Lodge, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, will give a sociable and supper, at their lodge rooms, corner of East Main street and Railroad avenue, on Friday evening, March 19th. An admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged which includes supper.

St. Mary's Home in Port Jervis.

There are at present 111 children in St. Mary's Home, Port Jervis, of whom over one-half are county charges. The orphanage is a model one and the sisters in charge have one aim always in view, to do all that is in their power to fit the girls and boys in their charge for useful womanhood and manhood.

Official Visit to Hoffman Lodge.

G. W. Peck, of Newburgh, D. D. G. M. for the 10th Masonic District, will visit Hoffman Lodge officially on the evening of Tuesday, 16th inst. The third degree will be conferred, after which refreshments will be served in the banquet room. All Master Masons are cordially and fraternally invited.

Dean Penny's Lecture at St. Joseph's Church.

"St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland," will be the subject of Dean Penny's lecture at St. Joseph's Church, Wednesday evening, March 17th. Dean Penny is a very gifted man and his lecture will be well worth hearing.

Real Estate Sales.

—The Geo. E. Robertson property, corner of Academy avenue and Washington street, was sold, Saturday, by the executors of Mr. Robertson's estate to J. O. Austin, of Unionville. Mr. Austin will occupy the house after April 1st.

—S. S. Gowder, Esq., of New York city, has exchanged one of his private houses in that city, No. 36 Edgecombe avenue, for a vacant block front on 200 feet on Trinity avenue, between 136th and 137th streets, valued at \$31,000, and adjoining a plot of 100 feet frontage on 136th street, recently purchased by Henry M. Denton.

The Literary Club's Lecture.

A. T. Van Luer will deliver a lecture on "Dutch Art," at the State Hospital amusement hall, Tuesday evening, March 16. A special car will leave Frankh Square at 7:30.



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pits—Recovering From Sickness—Shipped to Kingston—The Stone Cutters' Union—Will Carleton's Entertainment—A Surprise Party—Junior Endeavorers' Entertainment.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—Rev. Thomas Gordon, D. D., of Middletown, preached in the Presbyterian Church, yesterday morning, having exchanged pulpits with the Rev. R. B. Clark; and Rev. David J. Evans, of Grace Church, conducted the service at St. James', in exchange with Rev. Mr. Betts.

—James Scott, Jr., has been confined to his house for a week past with his annual attack of grip. He has now about recovered, and will be able to come out in a day or two.

—William P. Clark, who has been laid up for a fortnight with an unusually severe attack of rheumatism, is still confined to the house, although on the road to recovery.

—Miss Clara L. Whidden presided at the organ at the First Congregational Church, of Middletown, last evening.

—Thomas Avery has been seriously ill for several days with pneumonia. He is somewhat better.

—George McAfay, a nineteen-year-old knight of the coal dump, was entertained at the New street lodging house, Friday night. He claimed to be a resident of Kingston searching for work. As Ulster county was liable for his maintenance, Justice Swezy turned him over to Poor-master Thurston, who expressed him C. O. D. to Kingston.

—A regular monthly meeting of the Stone Cutters' Union was held Saturday evening at Purdy Hall, and a lot of miscellaneous business disposed of.

—Will Carleton, "King of the platform," has been in the business for twenty years. During that time there has never been a "Carleton evening" given which because of the worthiness of its object should have received a more liberal patronage than his entertainment to be given at Music Hall on the evening of the 22d inst. for the benefit of the Goshen Library and Historical Society. Besides this, Carleton's recitations are the most attractive literary entertainments of the day. Tickets are now on sale at C. E. Mills' paugh's.

—A surprise party was tendered Miss Ella Woodruff at her home on Church and South streets, Saturday evening, by a number of her friends.

—The entertainment of the Junior Y. P. S. C. E. at the Presbyterian chapel, this evening, should be well attended. Another of those mysterious and partially invisible teas will be served, and Mr. Whiddit's Junior Male Double Quartette will sing. Its members are Norman B. McClung and Charles F. Radzinsky, first tenors; William B. Sayer and Christie Haynes, second tenors; Robert Ladue and George Williams, baritone; Frederick W. Whidden and Percy V. D. Gort, basses.

To Investigate the Death of Wm. R. Hallock.

Coroner Decker, Saturday afternoon, impounded a jury who viewed the body of Wm. R. Hallock, who was found dead in his barn, Friday morning. The inquest was adjourned until 4 p. m., Tuesday, at the Oriental Hotel.

Removing to New Quarters.

J. M. Phillips is removing his market from the corner of North and Orchard streets to No. 119 North street in B. F. Todd's building, formerly Torrey's restaurant.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascara's, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

Port Jervis Pupils Who Passed the Regents' Examination in English.

Pupils in the Port Jervis Academy did unusually well in their wrestle with the "knock out" questions in English at the recent Regents' examination. The Regents have notified Principal Dolph that out of 42 papers in elementary English 29 were accepted. Of 16 papers in advanced English, 10 were accepted. Of 14 papers in English composition, one was rejected and the remaining 13 accepted.

A Busy Straw Hat Factory.

The Carroll straw hat factory at Mattewan is very busy and a force of employees is at work nights. The shop is having a big run on manilla goods.

The Whatsoever Circle

of the King's Daughters of the First Presbyterian Church will give a Mending and Darning Sociable in the lecture room of the church, March 16th. Two cents for a button, 3 cents for a glove finger, 4 cents for a small darn, 5 cents for a pair of mittens, 6 cents for a pair of socks, 7 cents for a pair of ladies' hose. No admission will be charged. Sd16t

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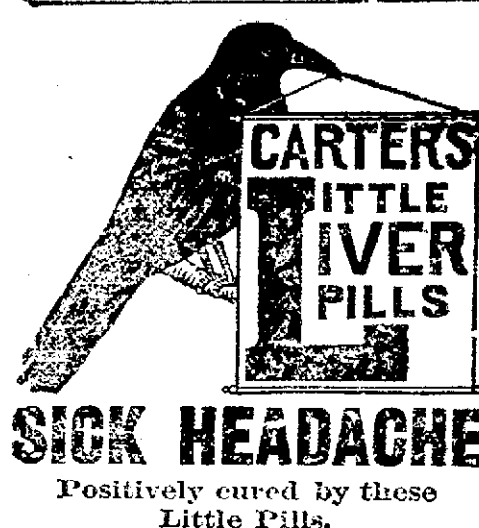
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DRAWING OF JURORS.

GRANGE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. Notice is hereby given that a panel of Grand and Petit Jurors, to serve at a Trial Term of Supreme Court, to be held in and for the county of Orange, at the Court House in Newburgh, on the first Monday of April, 1897, will be drawn at this office, on Thursday, March 18, 1897, at 9 o'clock a. m.

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RIDICULOUS SECRECY.

Every New Administration Seems to Revel in It.

Office-holders, When First Clothed with Authority, Forget That They Are the Servants of the People.

(Special Washington Letter.)

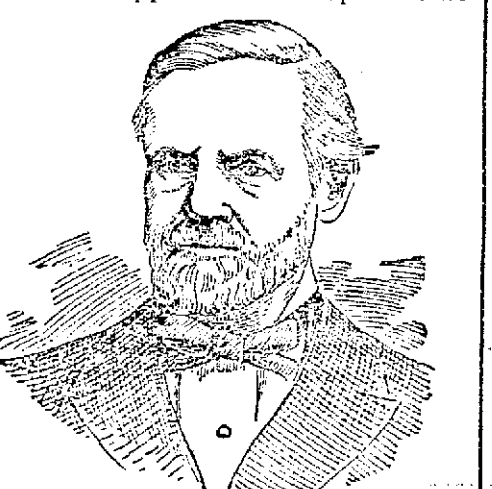
The new administration is like all new administrations. It is secretive. Administrations come and go, but they all begin in a maze of mystery. The political complexion of the administration makes no difference. The subordinate officials make fools of themselves with equal facility, whether they believe in free trade, free silver, high protection or yellow dollars.

Twelve years ago Postmaster-General Vilas, Attorney-General Garland, and all the members of Cleveland's cabinet, gave orders to their messengers, chief clerks and civil service clerks to be careful to give out no information to newspaper men without first getting permission to do so. As a matter of fact, the clerks knew what should be given out as news and what withheld for better than the new cabinet ministers could possibly know; for the cabinet ministers had much to learn about executive affairs.

Eight years ago the cabinet ministers of the Harrison administration came into their places of dignity and power, and they at once ordered secrecy concerning administrative affairs. Legitimate items of news were hidden away, for no other reason than that the cabinet ministers did not know their own business, and were groping slowly into new channels.

Four years ago, when the second Cleveland administration began, the secretiveness of the officials was more than usually dense and exasperating. It was caused largely by holdover republican clerks who wanted to ingratiate themselves with the new bosses, by pretending to closely guard important executive secrets. Of course, after six months of experience in every administration, the cabinet ministers learn their business, and are more communicative with the newsharers. But, four years ago, there was a density of secrecy that was as maddening as it was unnecessary.

For example, there are approximately 1,000 presidential post offices, with salaries running from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The postmaster at each of these places holds a commission for four years; and at the expiration of four years a successor is appointed. The prominent



HON. JOHN SHERMAN,
(The New Secretary of State.)

democrats in every state wanted to know when these commissions would expire, in order that they might intelligently plan for their turn at office-holding. Acting under the advice of an old holdover republican employee, Postmaster-General Bissell declared that this information should not be given out. This angered the newspaper men, and they tried to get the information anyway. Each man had his own experience at that time. I can only narrate my own:

I was representing the Detroit Tribune, and sent to that paper a complete list of the presidential postmasters for Michigan with the date of the expiration of each commission and the salary attached to each office. As the representative of the St. Paul Dispatch I sent that paper a complete official list covering Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. To the Des Moines Register I sent the complete list for Iowa and Nebraska.

When these newspapers arrived in Washington, copies were laid before the postmaster-general, and he was very much annoyed. He was anxious to find the work in his department who had given out the forbidden lists. If he could only find out all the particulars, he would make some disclosures, and teach his clerks a practical lesson of subordination. But he could not find out how the information was obtained.

Having formerly been employed in an post office department, I was familiar with the working of the great postal machinery, the manner and method of appointments, the book-keeping system, and all that sort of thing. I knew that the sixth auditor of the treasury kept duplicate accounts of all postmasters in the United States, and that the books of the auditor must always tally with the accounts kept by each third assistant postmaster-general. The postmaster-general could suppress news in the post office department, but he had no control over the treasury department. The office of the sixth auditor of the treasury is purely a bookkeeping office, and nobody ever goes there for news. Consequently the sixth auditor had never been ordered to suppress news. Therefore, when I sent to the books to get the names, salaries and dates of commissions of postmasters, nobody interfered with my operation. Thus the lists were obtained and printed in spite of the postmaster-general. He was afterwards told that his government had many ramifications, and that there are various ways of ascertaining facts.

Another news matter of considerable importance was harder to obtain, and it required considerable effort and some



It is a sad thing to watch a man upon whose once beautiful face, ill-health is daily tracing the pitiful lines of pain and suffering, that mean speedy death. Any woman may be strong and healthy, and retain her beauty of face and form for a long time, if she will only take proper care of the health and vigor of the distinctly feminine organs. Doctors too often attribute all of a woman's bad feelings to dyspepsia, heart disease and liver or kidney trouble, when the real difficulty is of uterine origin. It makes the organs that bear the burdens of maternity strong and vigorous, does away with the discomforts of the expectant month, and makes baby's delivery easy and almost painless. All good dealers in medicines sell it.

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
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Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., 11:10 a. m., 1:30 p. m., except Sunday; 9:00 p. m., daily, and 6:25 p. m., daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:52 p. m., Sun. only.

Trains Nos. 6, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33 and Sunday Specials 601, 617, 625 stop at Main street, Middletown.



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DR. FENIX LE BRUN'S
Steel & Pennyroyal Pills
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BEN WRITER'S STOLEN HORSE FOUND.

Located by Under Sheriff Howell at New Brunswick, N. J.
From the Newburgh Register.

Under Sheriff Henry M. Howell has found the horse which was stolen from B. F. Writer, of Otisville, last April, by Henry Barnes, the octogenarian who was sent to prison for the theft. On Thursday, the under sheriff discovered the missing horse on the place of Edward Smalley, at New Brunswick, N. J. Mr. Smalley says that the horse was abandoned in the woods near there by the thief, who then stole a fresh horse to get away with. When it was found (last spring) Mr. Writer's horse was foundered and was in a terrible condition from exposure. Mr. Smalley now has the animal in pretty good condition. He wants \$25 for taking care of it, and will probably receive that sum from the owner of the horse.

OBITUARY.**Mrs. Catherine Decker.**

Mrs. Catherine Decker died, Saturday morning, at the home of her son, Emmet, in Sparrowbush, aged eighty-five years. The cause of death was the debility of old age. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Emmet, with whom she lived, and James, of Guyard.

Mrs. Frances Moore.

Mrs. Frances Moore died on Sunday at her late residence, 46 East avenue, of general debility, in the eighty-third year of her age.

She is survived by two children, Catharine M., wife of D. D. Houston, of this city, and Clement B., of New York City.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the residence of D. D. Houston, 14 William street, corner of East avenue.

A VERY IMPUDENT TRAMP.

Frightened Several Women by Demanding Money, But Brought Up at the Wrong House.

A tramp created considerable consternation among residents of the northwestern part of the city, yesterday afternoon, by demanding money from ladies who came to the doors to see what he wanted. He finally called at Officer Wood's house and was overheard by that gentleman, who promptly gathered him in. He was badly scared when arraigned before the Recorder, who gave him fifteen minutes to get out of town.

Concert at the First Baptist Church.

On Monday evening, March 29th, Fred A. Heath, the blind musician of Boston, will give a concert for the benefit of the organ fund of the church. Mr. Heath has been in the concert business for eighteen years. Those who have heard his sacred solos at the church services will be glad to hear him in the wider range of concert music. He will be assisted by Mrs. Milford Leslie Rice, of this city, a reader who always pleases her audiences. The tickets are placed at the low price of 25 cents.

Interesting Services at the First Baptist Church.

Nearly all the sittings were occupied, last evening. The pastor preached from the topic: "Dying like a Fool," from 2 Samuel iii. 33: "Should Abner die as the fool dieth?" Fred A. Heath sang to his own accompaniment on the organ. "The Last Chord" by Arthur Sullivan. Announcement was made that revival services will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. Three rose for prayers yesterday.

Ought to See a Long Way into the Future.

A baby which was born in Binghamton the other day is the seventh daughter of a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter. According to the old belief this baby, if she grows to womanhood, will be begotten with seven sons, and will be able to see a very long way into the future.

The Erie Building to be Enlarged.

Howell & Watson are planning the wooden building in front of the Erie building, corner of North and Depot streets, and will remove the old building on the site. The new building will be a four-story building, 28x26x14. The Erie Company will build a new switch from Roberts street to the new building and lay a walk from North street to the new building.

Special Meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary of Y. M. C. A.

There will be a special meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon, in their rooms, at 1 o'clock. Business of importance to transact. It is desired to have as many present as possible.

Epworth League Entertainment Postponed.

The regular monthly entertainment of the Epworth League has been postponed from this evening until Tuesday evening, so as not to conflict with the Y. M. C. A. entertainment, tonight.

Lock the Door

Before the horse is stolen. Purify, catch and analyze your blood and build up your physical system before disease attacks you and serious sickness comes. Hood's Sarsaparilla will make you strong and vigorous and will expel from your blood all impurities and germs of disease. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla now.

Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic. Easy to take, gentle, mild. 25 cents.

See the best? Get Miley's Pain Pills.

IN MEMORIAM.**Resolutions on the Death of John J. Sullivan by the Bachelors' Social Club**

The Bachelors' Social Club at a special meeting held March 12, adopted the following resolutions:

In the death of our late associate and member, John J. Sullivan, we have lost a dear friend, stricken down in the flower of his manhood. We feel how inadequate are words to express our sense of grief and loss.

We pronounce no eulogy, nor do we record here praise of his life; its grand record is engraved in our hearts for all time.

His last moments were marked by the same thoughtfulness for others that marked his former life, and we shall ever remember his last message to us.

We mingle our tears with those of his stricken family. Although expressions are but feeble, if human sympathy can avail, the grand outpouring tendered by his hosts of friends may tend to lighten the clouds, now so dark. Our circle has been broken and we bow in sorrow to the decree which took a member to his God.

GEO. H. ISEMAN, } Com.
T. E. HAYES, }
RUSSELL WIGGINS, }

MIDDLETOWN ICE COMPANY.

Directors and Officers Elected for the ensuing year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Middletown Ice Company was held at its office on Depot street, Saturday evening.

The following directors were elected: W. D. Stratton, E. A. Brown, J. W. Miller, L. G. Wilson, J. D. Wood, T. A. Weller and C. Macardell. The directors elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—E. A. Brown.
Secretary and Treasurer—J. D. Wood.
Manager—L. G. Wilson.

The Temple Quartette.

Without in any wise disparaging the fine work of several well known and justly popular quartette, the "Temple" stand unquestionably at the head of the American male quartettes, the best in the world. Their entertainment is rounded out by the readings and impersonations of Miss Katharine Ridgeway. They appear at the Casino, to-night, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Admission 35 cents.

A New Grocery Store.

Geo. F. Bailey opened, Saturday, a fancy and staple grocery store at No. 74 North street, where he will be glad to meet his friends.

Sudden Deaths on the Increase.

People apparently well and happy today, tomorrow are stricken down, and in many cases out of every hundred the heart is the cause. The king of heart remedies—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—is within the reach of all, and if there are symptoms of heart disorder it should be used without delay. It relieves in 30 minutes, and cures most chronic cases. Sold by J. T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Cascarae stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache, Constipation, easy to operate. 25c.

CHAS. Z. TAYLOR, Contractor and Builder, No. 1 Railroad Avenue, Steel Cellars a specialty.

REPORT of the Condition of the First National Bank at Middletown, in the State of New York, at the close of business March 9th, 1897.

Assets	Liabilities
Loans and discounts	Capital stock paid in
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	Surplus fund
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes
Premiums on U. S. bonds	Divided profits
Stocks, securities, etc.	National Bank note outstanding
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	Due to other National Banks
Other real estate and mortgages owned	Due to State banks and bankers
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	Due to State banks and bankers
Due from State banks and bankers	Due to other National Banks
Due from approved reserve agents	Due to other National Banks
Checks and other cash items	Due to other National Banks
Notes of other National Banks	Due to other National Banks
Fractional paper currency, notes and coins	Due to other National Banks
Unpaid money reserve in bank, viz:	Due to other National Banks
Specie	Due to other National Banks
U. S. Treasury notes	Due to other National Banks
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury	Due to other National Banks
(U. S. Treasury notes)	Due to other National Banks
Total	Total

Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00

Surplus fund 25,000.00

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes 1,441.51

Divided profits 34,000.00

National Bank note outstanding 35,017.19

Due to other National Banks 18.18

Due to State banks and bankers 206,228.21

Due to other National Banks 56,210.24

Due to other National Banks 5.05

Total \$230,773.10

State of New York, County of Orange, ss:

I, Seymour DeWitt, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, 1897.

HARVEY D. BUCKLEY, Notary Public.

CHAS. ARDELL, HARRISON H. CRANE, Directors.

W. C. McMONAGLE.

SPECIAL RATES

on the O. & W. for students of the Middletown Business College. 17 out of town students now in attendance, and new students enter nearly every week. We seek to build up a noble and honest manhood and womanhood, as well as to impart a thorough knowledge of shorthand and commercial subjects.

W. C. RAMSBILL Prin., 25 North St.

Asphalt Gravel Roofing!

For the protection of all surfaces exposed to the elements, the best and most durable, single roofs, buck walls, tanks, fire tanks, boilers, steam pipes or any metallic surface, subject to a high degree of temperature, also will mend roofs and gutters. One coat of our Asphalt Roofing will last five years or will repair free of charge. Prices moderate.

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for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

WANTED—Experienced Dining Room Girl. Apply between 7 and 8 p. m., at Russell House.

PARKINS' Orchestra at Columbia Park once more, Thursday evening. Ladies all free. Gentlemen's tickets, at Prunk's, 25 cents. 1c.

TO LET—Cheap—Two suites, eight rooms each. James street. J. B. SCHOONMAKER.

TO RENT—No. 2 Low Block, modern improvements. Apply at 4 Low Building. 90d15c.

ROUND Steak Heavy Steer Beef 13 cents, two pounds for 25 cents. 90d15c GREENING'S.

LOST—Department fire badge No. 16. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to this office.

AUCTION SALE—William VanSchaick, auctioneer, will sell at public auction, at the office of Merrill & Burke, 57 North street, Middletown, N. Y., Tuesday, March 16th, at 9 o'clock a. m., the uncollected book accounts of estate of Oscar S. Ritter.

THE Sterling Nipple is a "Good One," non-collapse. Pure rubber. We've sold a great many. They give perfect satisfaction. No higher than any other. Get them at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.

AUCTION—Wm. VanSchaick, auctioneer, will sell at public auction, at 306 North street, Tuesday, March 16th, commencing at 1:30 sharp, household goods of all descriptions such as crockery, glassware, bedding, bedroom suits, stoves, tables, lounges, pictures, carpets, etc.; also one butcher's bench and block, almost new. 90d15c MRS. JOHN McCONNELL.

DYSPEPSIA

Heartburn, Gascolitis and all Stomach Disorders positively cured by Dr. Agnew's Remedy, the celebrated European specific. One dose removes all distress, and a permanent cure of the worst chronic case guaranteed in a short time. Do not suffer. A 50 cent bottle contains the most skeptical.

Sole agent, F. M. PRONK, Druggist, 65d15c My12

BONELESS POT ROASTS 7c.

CHEAPER CUTS 4 AND 5 CTS. GREENING'S

BREAD Winner cook stove, size 8, Dockash grate; blackwalnut bed room furniture, parlor case and masquerade suits at the EXCHANGE and MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

BOARDING House to let, desirable location on West Main street, Gothen. JAS. J. O'CONNOR.

WANTED—\$2.00 and \$4.00 on bond and mortgage, East Main street and Richmond Heights. MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street.

MARIE L. DEVESEY, M. D., V. D., C. M. S., American Specialist, Chronic Blood Diseases, Branch office, 22 Highland Ave., Middletown, N. Y. 55d15c Feb'97

MIDDLETOWN School of Commerce, No. 47 Washington street, Middletown, N. Y.

Combination course in stenography, telegraphy and typewriting. The courses may be studied collectively, or separately. Practical training in commercial and railway systems. Established 1895. Call or address 69d15c My17 J. B. VANGELDER, Principal.

Fifteen Cents a Dozen Best Eggs. Get tickets.

GREENING'S

\$4.50 a Barrel Best PATENT FLOUR!

SLOAT'S Cash Store.

A \$375 UPRIGHT PIANO FOR YOU FREE!

There is on exhibition in our window a magnificent Upright Piano, costing \$375, mahogany casing, with a seven years' guarantee from the makers.

Every purchaser, for cash, of 50c worth of goods from our store, on and after March 15th, 1897, will receive a coupon with goods bought. The person holding at expired time the greatest number of coupons will receive the piano.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Our spring stock, comprising all the latest and leading shapes and styles. In Materials, the most stylish and serviceable; in Workmanship, the best; and in Prices, so low as to make competition most unprofitable.

For the sake of the money you can save, we bespeak a careful inspection of stock and prices, both being out to fit the times and you. Take these as a sample.

Men's Suits from \$2.75 up Men's Shirts (working) from 11c up

Men's Overcoats from 3.50 up Men's and Boys' Sweaters from 25c up

Men's Clay " from 5.25 up 2,100 Linen Collar 10c

Men's Pants from 50 up 1,100 Linen Cuffs 10c

Boys' Suits from 49 up Neckwear from 10c up

Boys' Pants from 17 up Hats from 25c up

Men's Shirts (fancy bosom) from 43 up Caps (men's and boys) from 25c up

Men's Shirts (white laundered) from 43 up Men's Suspenders from 10c up

Men's Shirts ("unlaundered") from 29 up A full line of Trunks and

Men's Underwear from 25 up Satchels always on hand.

Suits Made to Order from \$10 Up. Pants \$2.50 Up.

SAMUEL LIPFELD,

Clothier and Furnisher, 25 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.

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CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF will return to Middletown April 12th and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James street. 15d15c Jun17

VEAL, VEAL & CENTS A POUND AND UP. GREENING'S.

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontometer 50c. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth \$6, \$8 and \$10 a set. Twenty years' experience. 90d15c DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

A Conservator of Health. One pair of dry feet is worth a dozen drug stores. A good pair of hand-made shoes is the best life insurance a man can carry. CHAPMAN, the Shoemaker, will make you any kind of shoe from \$2.50 up. 22 West Main street.

CHAS. J. KIDD, Jr., 70 Academy avenue—3,000 designs in Wall Paper. Estimates furnished for painting, decorating and hanging. 7d15c

MISS REDFIELD, Manicure and Hair Dresser, 4 East Main street, second floor. Nails carefully treated. Hair dressed, bleached, dyed, shampooed, dry shampoo, etc. Hair goods and preparations for sale. Switches made. Face steamer and face massage. 43d15c

JULIUS HING and GUSTAV GUNTHER, Fine Custom Tailors. We have opened a cleaning and repairing shop for ladies' and gentlemen's clothing at No. 14 Canal street. Prices to suit the times. Only the best work will be done. Give us a call. 75d15c My3

FOR SALE—Matched pair of black horses, 12x, 4 East Main street, second floor. Nails carefully treated. Hair dressed, bleached, dyed, shampooed, dry shampoo, etc. Hair goods and preparations for sale. Switches made. Face steamer and face massage. 43d15c

PROF. LOUIS JESTER, Teacher of the Science of Manly Art, and Physical Culture and Natural Development. Massage Treatment a specialty. Casino Building. 33d15c

TO LET—Four pleasant rooms, on Low avenue, rent \$6; also pleasant floor at 8 East avenue. Enquire at 100 North street or J. & P. CHAMBERS, corner East Avenue and Fulton street.

FOR RENT—Three rooms on second floor, suitable for offices, in building corner of North and King streets. Apply to C. J. EVERSON, 4 King street. 33d15c

PAPER Hanging at 12 1/2c a roll; also all kinds of puttying. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished. EMIL MARTINI, Shop 5 Academy Ave. 15d15c

SHEEP'S Wool Bath Sponges are not as high as at one time. We can sell you a fine one for 20c, smaller ones 15c. Toughest and best sponges in the market. Get one at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

WANTED—Competent woman for general housework. MRS. HENRY W. WIGGINS, 12 Orchard street. 8d15c

CHAMBERS' Pharmacy is open, Sunday, from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. and 6 to 9 p. m.

PIPES, PIPES, PIPES.

I will offer this week, at my store, pipes at a great reduction. Now is the time to buy. Don't fail to come in and examine my stock, as I have the largest assortment to select from in the city. Electric Cigar Store, No. 12 North street, Middletown. 45d15c My30 N. P. MILLS, Prop.

B. F. GORDON,

Practical Watchmaker, Jeweler and Engraver, 66 North St., Middletown.

A BEAUTIFUL STOCK OF FIRST-CLASS GOODS, NOT TRASH.

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Each one full and complete. CLOSE and PARTICULAR ATTENTION given to Fine Watch Clock and Jewelry Repairing. Letter and Mono gram Engraving in the very latest styles.

B. F. GORDON.**OUR LAST AND BEST TREAT!**

Since the beginning of our closing out sale most of our Bargain Lots have been broken up to such an extent, that we again went through our entire stock and still further reduced those goods which have been marked for removal.

This Special Sale Ends Positively March 20

Whatever is then left of winter goods must take care of itself as we shall be too busy with Springwear to say even one good word about winter goods. Remember our pruning knife has been liberally applied throughout our entire stock!

CAST YOUR EYE ON THIS SPOT!

and follow this adv. to the bottom. Men's Suits and Overcoats sold at \$5 and \$6 former reduction \$2.99, now \$2.75. Our entire lot of Men's Suits and Overcoats former prices \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, former reductions \$4.95 now \$4.50. (Every suit and overcoat of this kind bears our guarantee label.) Better Suits and Overcoats according to how badly the stock is broken up at \$6 and \$7, some that were formerly sold at \$10 and \$12. Black Diagonal Suits sold by other dealers at \$10 and former price \$7.75, reduced to

Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Pants in odd sizes at half the former prices. Boys' Suits and Overcoats 14 to 19 years, sold at \$3, \$4 and \$5 at \$2.75. Children's Suits reduced to as low as

59 CENTS EACH

Any Child's Heavy Suit in Our Store Half the Original Price!**BUDWIG'S OWN!**

For this sale we offer also our famous Knee Pants known as

"Budwig's Own," at 20c a Pair. Knee Pants—Double

Seat and Double Knees, Patent Waistband, Hold-

fast Buttons and Warranted Not to Rip.

Sold by other dealers at 50c. our price for this special sale

20 CENTS A PAIR!

CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS, FAST BLACK!

A regular 25c. quality, sizes 6 to 9 1/2, our price for this sale

10 CENTS A PAIR!

Men's Socks, Former Price 15c., Now 5c a Pair.

MEN'S DOMET SHIRTS, SOLD ELSEWHERE AT 25 CENTS.

OUR PRICE 10 CENTS EACH.

Men's Dress Shirts, With Two Separate Collars,

Former Price 75c., Now 38c. Each.

Men's Neckwear!

Men's Silk Tecks sold at 25c. our price now

15 cents!

Men's full flowing end Tecks, fine quality, sold elsewhere at 35c. our price

20 cents!

Men's high grade Neckwear regular 50c. and 75c. goods in Tecks, Four-in-hands, Imperials and Puffs our price

35c. Each or 3 for \$1.

MEN'S HATS!

Men's Soft Hats, in small and large shapes, regular 50c. goods

Special Price 25c.

Men's Fur Derbies, new style, regular price \$1

Special 79c!